

APHIS READINESS UPDATE Automated Commercial Environment



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- ✓ Live animals: livestock (cattle, sheep, goats, horses), avians (birds, poultry), semen, embryos, hatching eggs, ruminant or equid zoo animals, elephants, rhinoceros, hippopotamus, tapir, hedgehog, dogs from certain countries or for specific purposes

- ✓ Live animals regulated by Organisms and Vectors: live laboratory animals/mammals

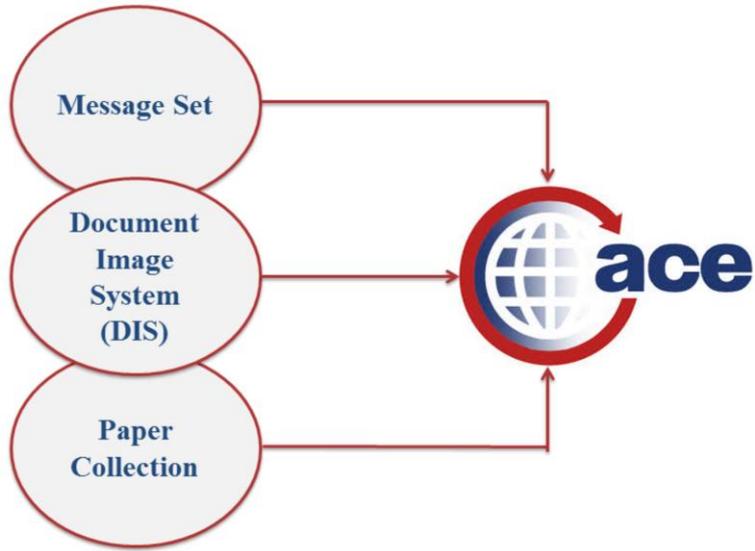
- ✓ Live animals may also be regulated by other federal, state, and local agencies (i.e. CDC, US Fish and Wildlife) and may have additional restrictions.

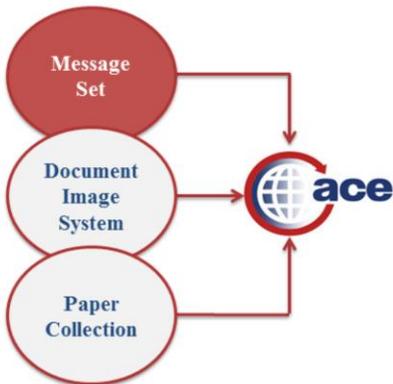
Trade Responsibilities

- ✓ Obtain necessary required document(s) (i.e. import permit, health certifications, test results, etc.)
- ✓ Properly declare all imports (especially semen, embryos, and hatching eggs)
- ✓ Provide required information to broker/filer in a timely manner
- ✓ Ensure required paper documents are properly filled out and endorsed (as required), and arrive with shipment

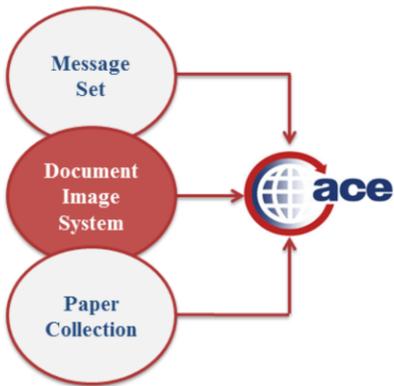
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**General information:**

- Previously admissibility decision making was based on submission of various paper forms
- In the world of electronic entry APHIS will require information from the paper to be provided in an electronic format known as the PGA Message Set
- Permit number from VS 16-6a or VS 17-135



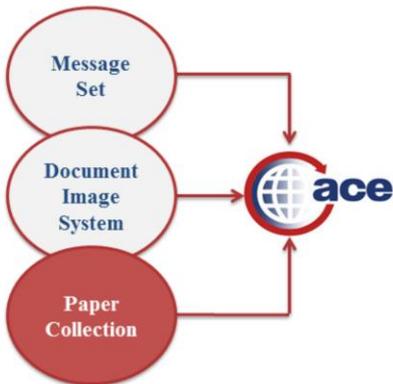
Documents such as:

VS 17-29:

Declaration of Importation

VS 17-32:

Application for Inspection and Dipping



**All Government-to-Government
certifications such-as**

- Health certificates
- Live animal supporting documents (*spay certificates, test charts, dipping certificates, etc.*)

VS 17-8:

Agreement of Pet Bird Owners

Please note that certain animals, such as pet birds or dogs accompanying the passenger in the cabin of an airplane, will not be included in the ACE entry system.

Data Set Examples – Live Horses from the EU

Koninkrijk der Nederlanden

GEZONDHEIDSCERTIFICAAT
(Certificate of Health)

4883136 6 PG 14

Health certificate for the export from the Netherlands to the United States of America of the following 738 items of age, sex, breed and color, and pedigree:

Name of the exported horse	Mr. Ed	
Identification (tattoo number) other features (if identifiable)	See call center 4883136	PG 07
Age of the exported horse	7 Years	PG 10
Color of the exported horse	Bay	PG 10
Sex of the exported horse	Mare	PG 10
Breed of the exported horse	Friesian	PG 10
Name and address of the exporter		
Name and address of consignee	ABC Horse Company Wellington, FL	PG 19 20
Point of dispatch	Aus. Londen (Schiphol)	
Means of transport	Air Plane	

Health Attestation

I hereby certify that the horse described on this certificate for shipment to the United States:

- has been resident in the Netherlands during the last 60 days prior to export;
- has been inspected and was found clinically free from contagious diseases and exposure thereof during the 60 days immediately preceding exportation;
- has been inspected and was found to be clinically free of scrapie;
- has not been vaccinated with a live or attenuated or inactivated vaccine during the 14 days immediately preceding exportation;
- has not been on a premises where African horse sickness, dengue, giardiasis, surra, equine infectious anaemia, equine coronavirus, equine infectious anaemia (EIA), vesicular stomatitis, or any other disease or condition which is listed in the EU Directive on the importation of animals and on the premises from which the horse is exported immediately preceding exportation and on the premises from which the horse is exported no clinical symptoms of contagious equine malaria (CEM) or equine babesiosis have been seen during the 60 days preceding export to the United States.

Done at Leeuwarden on 08-09-2016 PG 14

Signature of the holder of the certificate: [Signature]

Important Elements from an APHIS Permit

- Items for entry into the Message Set are boxed in red
- The health certificate, as well as other government-to-government certifications will continue to accompany the shipments as a paper document.

The same is true for hatching eggs, embryos, semen, and other live animal imports

Document Examples – Live Cattle from Mexico

PG 13 Secretaría de Agricultura, Ganadería, Desarrollo Rural, Pesca y Alimentación
SAGARPA
 Servicio Nacional de Sanidad, Inocuidad y Calidad Agroalimentaria
 Dirección General de Salud Animal
CERTIFICADO ZONIFICADO PARA LA EXPORTACIÓN DE ANIMALES
 Animal Production Certificate of Health

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Que se expide con fundamento en los artículos 1º, 2º, 3º y 4º Fracción II y III de la Ley Federal de Resguardo Animal.
 (This document is issued based on the Articles 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th of the Animal Health Federal Law)

PG 05 **ESPECIE (SPECIES)** **RAZA (BREED)** **ESTADO (STATE)**
PAIS (COUNTRY) **ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA**

PG 14 **FECHA DE EMISIÓN (DATE OF ISSUE)** **INDEFINIDA**

PG 08	PG 09	PG 10	PG 10	PG 10	PG 10
NOMBRE, NÚMERO DE ANEJO O SATRAGE (Name, Ear-tag No., Tattoo)	RAZA (Breed)	EDAD (AGE)	SEXO (SEX)	EDAD (AGE)	EDAD (AGE)
13482113	ROSEBUD	1	MACHO	1	1

Totales de animales a exportar: 108

2.- ESTABLECIMIENTO DE PROCESADO (Establishment of origin)
 Nombre (Name): A. S. RUIZ 10 881 Nueva Laredo, Tamaulipas
 Dirección (Address): Carretera Bimodal, Nueva Laredo, Tamaulipas

3.- EXPORTADOR (Exporter) **IMPORTADOR (Importer)**
 Nombre (Name): Vaca Exportera Nombre (Name): ABC Cattle Co.
 Dirección (Address): 123 Export Rd., Laredo, TX 78002 Dirección (Address): 123 Rural Rd., Laredo, TX 78002

4.- CERTIFICACIONES ZONIFICADAS (Zonification Certifications)
 (This is to certify that:
 1. The animals in question presented in this register have been vaccinated with the appropriate vaccine for the United States.
 2. The animals in question are registered with the appropriate register for export of cattle to the United States.
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PG 13 **1. NAME OF ANIMAL** **PG 10** **1. NAME OF ANIMAL**

PG 14 **2. COUNTRY OF ORIGIN** **PG 13** **2. COUNTRY OF ORIGIN**

PG 14 **ABC Cattle Co.** **PG 19 / 20 / 21** **123 Rural Road Laredo, TX 78002**

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NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	SEX	WEIGHT
13482113	1/1/13	M	1150

PG 19 / 20 / 21 **ABC Cattle Co.** **123 Rural Road Laredo, TX 78002** **CBP Entry # ABC-1234567-8**

PG 21 **John Doe**

PG 14 **1. NAME OF ANIMAL**

Please note that the CBP Entry number will also need to be submitted to the VS personnel.

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What changes will industry see?

Impact	Procedure	Programming	Support
<p>For trade/industry, much of the information previously submitted on paper is required electronically and could change business processes</p>	<p>Customs brokers (including Express Couriers) must operate in the new “Single Window” environment using ACE</p>	<p>Software vendors must adhere to CBP and APHIS guidelines</p>	<p>CBP & APHIS are working with trade to ensure understanding of ACE system requirements</p>



- ✓ Many of the operational processes will remain the same
- ✓ Filers will need to provide the CBP Entry Number to APHIS VS when making their import requests or at entry
- ✓ Inspection of animals, semen, embryos and hatching eggs by Veterinary Services Port Veterinarians will remain unchanged
- ✓ Permits for imports and reservations for inspection times/dates will also continue as in the current process

CBP entry number – ideally, this number should be submitted at the time of the import request, if available

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Benefits of Piloting

- ✓ Opportunity to troubleshoot your own processes
- ✓ Provide PGAs your input and suggestions for improvements
- ✓ Ensure import/filer is trained via initial experience
- ✓ Complete testing in advance of full implementation
- ✓ Work directly with PGA and CBP officials



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Vegetables, Fruit, Plants, Cut Flowers, etc.

VS Live Animals

Livestock, Avians, Embryos, Equids, Semen, Hatching Eggs, etc.

VS Animal Products

Animal Products, Animal By-Products, Organisms & Vectors,
Veterinary Biologics, etc.

- ✓ Software containing the APHIS Message Set must be built and certified by CBP.
- ✓ You will need to contact your CBP client representative to ensure that you are fully vetted for submission of entry and entry summaries in ACE.
- ✓ If those two steps have been successfully completed, you will then need to have your CBP client representative register you in the ACE CERT environment.



- ✓ You will then need to submit data through CERT to ensure that all coding and transmission issues have been identified and mitigated.
- ✓ Contact APHIS before submitting to CERT so that appropriate personnel are available to assist
- ✓ For the APHIS CORE programs, we need to know the commodities you most often import and the port locations



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- ✓ Ensure all participants are using current message set
- ✓ Engage CBP client representative(s) and the PGA
- ✓ Add complexities to test system capacity (e.g. multi-commodity/agency filings)
- ✓ Anticipate filer rush late June 2016 when ACE filings are required for entry.
- ✓ Some areas delaying shipment release
 - Input error
 - Server issues (vendor, PGA, or CBP)



Lessons learned from the Lacey Act pilot projects include:

- ✓ Pilot early and pilot often! Test your system fully!
- ✓ Encourage large data inputs to fully test systems
- ✓ Continue outreach and education!
 - Look for upcoming APHIS webinars and related events
 - APHIS can tailor event to industry/filer needs!



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QUESTION?
COMMENT?
CONCERN?



We Want to Hear it!
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